

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Moran, Troy and Malecek

Commissioner Troy presented the following resolution and moved its adoption

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2016 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, every child has the inherent right to grow up in a safe, permanent, loving family, and this experience lays the foundation for a happy and productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, November is a month dedicated to recognizing the stories of youth in foster care who are in need of permanency. Children often enter into foster care due to a background of abuse or neglect. While it is preferable for children to reunite with their birth family, too often, circumstances are not ideal. When reunion with their parents is not possible, children need loving families where they can find security and stability and adoptive parents can provide that very basic comfort each child deserves; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of individuals and families in our communities are becoming adoptive parents; thus enabling children of all ages, races, and cultures, mental and physical conditions, and emotional needs to become valued members of their families; and

WHEREAS, these parents accept as their reward the opportunity to see children develop, grow, reach beyond the expected, and become a viable part of the community with a stronger self-image; and

WHEREAS, citizens should be encouraged to demonstrate their respect and gratitude for adoptive parents who unselfishly share their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services works diligently to ensure safe and loving homes for Lake County's children and to increase the public awareness of the importance of adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby proclaims November 2015 Adoption Awareness Month in Lake County, Ohio and we urge the people of our community to help raise awareness about the children available for adoption and to focus our attention on recruiting and licensing adoptive homes in order to give these children forever families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor, Matt Battiatto, Department of Job and Family Services.

Commissioner Malecek seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Moran, Troy and Malecek

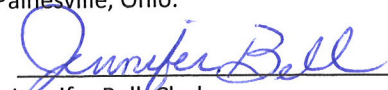
"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,  
Jennifer Bell, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Jennifer Bell, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on October 27, 2016, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2016.

WITNESS my hand this twenty-seventh day of October, 2016, in Painesville, Ohio.

  
Jennifer Bell, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners, in and  
for Lake County, Ohio